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The Honorable Val Peterson  
Administrator  
Federal Civil Defense Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Governor Peterson:

The estimate on Soviet guided missiles capabilities (NIE 11-6-54), requested in your memorandum of 29 January 1954 and undertaken by the IAC on 30 March 1954, has now been completed and copies have been forwarded to your office under separate cover. As I noted in my letter of 8 April 1954, it was not possible for us to finish this undertaking at an earlier date and still do a thoroughgoing job.

Your attention is invited to the Foreword to the paper which sets forth the limitations on the firm intelligence available on this subject and the necessarily tentative character of the conclusions. I hope, nevertheless, that the estimate will prove helpful to you and that you will find it responsive to some of your requirements.

Sincerely,

ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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